

I-405 and Eastside Projects Update

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Two southbound I-405 lanes closed August 11-14 in Kirkland; please help us keep traffic moving

Crews will [close two southbound lanes on I-405](#) near NE 128th Street in Kirkland around the clock from 9 p.m. Friday, August 11, to 5 a.m. Monday, August 14. This closure is required so we can rebuild a section of southbound I-405. The rebuild will ensure that rainwater will drain properly from the roadway when the new median HOV ramps are completed this fall. This work is part of the [Sound Transit](#)-funded Totem Lake Freeway Station Project.

WSDOT traffic engineers expect heavy congestion on southbound I-405 as a result of the lane closures. We need a third of the drivers that normally take I-405 throughout the weekend to take alternate route like I-5 and SR 202. We ask drivers to consider carpooling, [riding the bus](#) or even rescheduling trips. You can check [real-time traffic information](#) on our Web site. Drivers planning to attend Saturday's Seahawks game should allow extra drive time and check traffic conditions before they go.

Sound Transit's new I-90 access ramps at Eastgate will serve carpools, vanpools and buses

[Sound Transit](#) has announced that the soon-to-open [access ramps on I-90 at Eastgate](#) will be open to carpools and vanpools as well as buses. This project was originally designed for bus use only, but the project team has obtained necessary approvals and made appropriate changes for adding HOV traffic to the ramps. WSDOT is building this Sound Transit-funded project, and we expect to open the ramps to traffic late this summer.

Construction begins on Sound Transit's I-405 Canyon Park Freeway Station Project

In late June, we competitively selected Wilder Construction Company of Everett for the \$5.5 million construction contract to build the [Sound Transit](#)-funded [Canyon Park Freeway Station project](#). Sound Transit hosted a groundbreaking event on August 1, and construction is now under way. In this project we'll improve transit access at the I-405/SR 527 interchange in Bothell. We expect these improvements to save bus riders up to five minutes per trip and to reduce congestion on city streets around the Canyon Park park-and-ride.

Construction begins at I-90/SR 18 interchange near Snoqualmie

Crews started work Monday on the second phase of a two-phase construction project to [improve the I-90/SR 18 interchange](#) near Snoqualmie, about 20 miles east of Bellevue. Crews will build a wider off-ramp to SR 18, add a second left-turn lane, add a northbound lane on SR 18 and install a permanent traffic signal. These improvements will reduce the risk of collisions and accommodate more traffic at the interchange.

WSDOT installs permanent traffic signal on SR 202 near Sammamish

Crews will start work soon on a [new permanent signal and right-turn lane](#) at the intersection of SR 202 and 244th Ave. NE just northeast of Sammamish. This is an intersection known for collisions and near misses. The work to install the permanent signal will be done at night. Drivers should plan for some slowdowns during construction. Flaggers will control traffic through the intersection during installation of the signal.

The traffic signal is part of a \$1 million project funded by the [2003 Nickel funding package](#) that widens the intersection and adds a right-turn lane to help relieve heavy traffic congestion on 244th Avenue N.E. There were 31 collisions at this location in 2004.

I-405 travel options

We're [helping you get around](#) during I-405 construction. Use the [online trip planner](#) and take advantage of additional service in Kirkland: [new Metro route 644](#), [expanded Metro route 255](#).

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